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RAILROAD WRECK.

William Stephens Killed and Two Others Injured.

BAD ACCIDENT NEAR BUCHANAN YESTERDAY.

At 8:10 Thursday morning of this week Wm. Stephens was killed in a C. & O. wreck near Buchanan, this county. Wm. Fitzgerald was injured so badly that his recovery is doubtful. W. W. Ricketts, superintendent of the steam shovel work on the Big Sandy division, was slightly injured.

The reports received up to the time of going to press are somewhat meager, but we give them as gathered from the best sources.

The wrecked train was the one being used by C. D. Langhorne in connection with the steam shovel work. Two engines are used and one of these turned over while coming up near Buchanan with a train of cars loaded with dirt. It is presumed that the unfortunate employees named above were riding on the engine, as they are accustomed to doing, and were caught under the wreckage. The report says that the overturning of the engine can not be accounted for.

Stephens and Fitzgerald have lived

in the "Italy" addition to Louisa for several years. Mr. Ricketts is well known here, having had headquarters in Louisa for several months. He met with an accident just below town last year which laid him up for several weeks and left him in a crippled condition from which he will probably never fully recover.

Stephens was an industrious young man about twenty years of age. Fitzgerald is not that old by three or four years. He is a son of Rev. Fitzgerald who died about a year ago.

LATER.—Definite information says the engine did not turn over, but left the track and ran into a bank, pitching Stephens and Fitzgerald tightly. The former was almost instantly killed. The latter is not dangerously hurt. Mr. Ricketts is injured worse than first reported. The boys were not in the employ of the company, but were stealing a ride on the front of the engine.

REPAIRS

To Louisa Dam No. 3 will be Commenced About July 20.

The repairs to Dam No. 3 will be commenced on or about the 20th of July, 1905. The entire pass of the dam will be covered off by driving sheet piles on the downstream side and raising the pass itself to shut off the water on the upstream side. During the coffering process the eleven injured trestles at the mid-stream end of the pass will be temporarily replaced by wooden trestles, in order to complete the cofferdam. Very shortly after the construction of the cofferdam is commenced, and from that time until the completion of the repairs, the pass will be closed to navigation, and vessels must pass through the lock. This will decrease the available depth of water by a little over a foot, as the upper water sill of the lock is that much higher than the pass sill of the dam. It is to be noted, however, that the available depth in each case is usually less than the depth of the sill, because of deposits of sand and mud upon the sills.

During the course of the repairs it will almost certainly be necessary at times to draw off the lower pool in order to facilitate the work. This may stop navigation above Louisa, and render it necessary for vessels coming up the river to make a landing below the lock instead of above it as is done at present. It is not intended to draw off the lower pool to low water level, but only so much as may be necessary in order to interfere as little as possible with navigation.

The repairs involve the removal of all the old pass trestles (31 in number) which are spaced 4 feet apart, and the substitution thereof of six new trestles having a spacing of twenty feet. The height of the new trestles, i. e., the height of the pass, will be the same as before. When the crest of the dam is raised 4.5 feet (as authorized by Act of Congress) the new trestles will be made to serve for the higher dam, by splicing pieces to their legs to make them 4.5 ft. higher.

If conditions are favorable it is probable that the contemplated repairs will be completed before the 1st of September.

"One horse" circuits are almost to take this vicinity. Fort Gay and Louisa were each favored (?) this week by elevating exhibitions of this type. These have long suffered under the unfavorable reputation of being one of the most uninteresting and unprofitable of the county. We should redeem ourselves by keeping our money and staying at home.

A. M. Hughes, master at Louisa, was here this morning, where he attended the Ninth Congressional District Republican Executive Committee meeting and president.

Rev. F. F. Shannon.

This popular minister preached at the M. E. Church, South, last Sunday evening to a very large congregation. His Louisa friends delight to honor him with their presence, and there were no empty pews on this occasion. The sermon was a source of pleasure and profit to all who heard it. It charmed the scholar by its classic flash and perfect diction, comforted those who might be sorrowing because of affliction, and its deeply religious tone must have delighted every Christian who heard it.

Mr. Shannon's theme was "The Sorrowing, Comforting God."

Text: Isa. 53: 3, and Isa. 65: 12: "A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

These passages give a satisfactory answer to the world-old question, "Does God enter into man's sorrows? Does God share man's burdens? Does God really care about the countless perplexities constantly besetting the children of man?" These questions are as pregnant with meaning to the people of the twentieth century as they were to the people of Isaiah's time. It is hardly necessary to say that the literatures and philosophies of the world have no satisfying answer to them. The culture of Greece, at best, could shed only the wan light of its terrible fatalism. The wisdom of Rome, in the presence of these questions, could pronounce only the iron tones of its deadly stoicism. But in God's Book, and in these words, written twenty-five centuries ago, the eternal heart is laid bare. The infinite tenderness broods over them and nestles in them. Reading them, we feel that God does not hide Himself within and beyond stars and suns, but rather discloses Himself to the longing heart of His human child.

In a Roman palace may be seen the Aurora of Gaudi Rent. It adorns the ceiling of a noble room. Upon entering this room in former days one had to stand and gaze up at the walls high above him in order to take in the almost divine beauty of the immortal fresco. The task was arduous, for the neck grew tired and the head became dizzy because of their unnatural position. But one day the owner of the palace had a large mirror placed immediately under the painting. Seats are arranged about this mirror, and now the spectator sits and looks at the picture beneath him. The glow has brought Reaf's masterpiece down to the earth, and a little child can talk back to its richness of color, just as the wise student can ponder upon the wonders of its genius. So the great God has been brought down out of the skies in the blessed Christ. The Master shows that God has not only the heart of a Father, but the heart of a mother as well. Himself a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, if man could climb up into God's heart he would find it to be the heart of a mother!

ACCIDENT

Causes the Death of Rev. N. K. Hanley.

Rev. N. K. Hanley, of Hubbards-town, W. Va., died July 6th from injuries received about 24 hours previous. Mr. Hanley and his son were attempting to roll a log over a bank when he slipped and fell, sustaining fatal injuries.

The funeral and burial took place on Sunday. Rev. A. M. Miller, of this county, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. W. F. Wilson. Rev. Miller is President of the Kentucky Conference of Protestant Methodists, and Rev. Hanley was secretary.

The deceased was an excellent Christian gentleman. His age was 75 years, but he was very active up to the time of the accident.

The M. E. Church South.

Regular services as follows: (We use sun time.)
Prayer Meeting, each Wednesday at 8 p. m.

Sabbath School, each Sabbath at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching each Sabbath at 11 a. m. and at 8 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend all these services. Strangers to the town specially invited to worship with us. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord has spoken good concerning Israel."

O. F. Williams, Pastor

A Newspaper Resume.

An interesting fact in the newspaper field is that Henry Bond, who is visiting in our city, was the first man to run a newspaper in Catlettsburg after the Civil War. His sheet was called "The Big Sandy Herald." The paper was a source of pleasure and proved a blessing in every household. Soon after the beginning of his successful undertaking, Mr. Bond had a partner, Mr. Corey. At Mr. Corey's death, Frank French took up his half interest, but, after three of four years, Rev. Z. Meek bought out French. For a time Mr. Bond and Rev. Z. Meek ran a splendid paper and were congenial partners, then Mr. Bond forsook literary pursuits, and Rev. Meek covered the field alone. Thus we have an outline of the first newspaper run in this corner of the "dark and bloody ground," after the close of the battles in war which truly justified the Indian origin of the name.—Cat. Dept. Ind.

So far, so good, but not far enough. At Mr. Corey's death, Bond and French made a proposition to Dr. G. W. Wrote to do the editorial work on the Big Sandy Herald. Dr. Wrote accepted the proposition, making the editors Bond & Wrote, and held the position four years.

U. S. DEPOSITORY.

The Louisa National Bank Has Been So Designated.

The Treasurer of the United States has designated The Louisa National Bank as a depository of public moneys, and will place on deposit here within the next few days \$50,000.00 from the Treasury of the United States.

This is quite a stroke for The Louisa National Bank, and another feather in Louisa's cap. There are but very few towns of this size in the United States that have a bank in which United States funds are deposited.

The Louisa National Bank has grown rapidly since its organization a little more than two years ago. It has sixty-one stockholders, composed of citizens of Lawrence county, Ky., and Wayne county, W. Va.

Help the School.

The people of Louisa have an important part to perform in making a success of the Kentucky Normal College. Fortunately, the work is such that all may lend a hand. We sincerely hope they may all fully appreciate the importance of joining in and making a sacrifice if necessary in order to insure the success of the school.

The points we refer to here are those of cheap rent and cheap boarding for students. A number of families will move here by the time school opens. Rents are in most cases reasonable now and they must be kept that way. We do not hear of any disposition to increase rents, but this warning was suggested by hearing that a few agencies to Louisa and the school have been telling that rents will be raised.

We do not believe such a thing will be done. Our people can see that it would not be wise to injure the prospects of the school for the few extra dollars that might be picked up in increased rents.

Boarding should be furnished students at two dollars per week. This will do more to help the school than anything else. It will be impossible the first year to provide dormitory accommodations for the great numbers of students that will be here. After the first year this will be done. For this reason there is work for all to do. Provide cheap requirements for the students. Their requirements are not exacting. It will be the best investment we can make. The first year is the critical time. Prof. Byington will bring enough students here to tax the present capacity of Louisa. If our citizens will build more cottages this summer and fall they will find good demand for them at reasonable prices.

Mr. Bond, who moved from Catlettsburg to Louisa, is now occupying one of the cottages. Mr. Bond and Sam Lowe is moved into the Mrs. Joe Rice property, near the head of Franklin street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Adams are now in Louisa. As stated some time ago, Mr. Adams is now a member of the firm of Dixon, Moore & Co., and will devote his time to the business.

HELD WITHOUT BAIL.

Lee Vanhorn Must Answer Charge of Willful Murder.

EXAMINING TRIALS OVER Mt. ZION TROUBLES.

Last week's NEWS had quite a complete account of the deplorable occurrence on Bear Creek, and today it gives in full a history of the events which have transpired in connection with the apprehension and examination of the parties implicated in the killing.

Shortly after the murder warrants were sworn out for the arrest of Wade, Lee, Bert, Ira and Tucker Vanhorn and for William Caldwell. On the 6th of July Caldwell surrendered and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000 for his appearance for examination on July 20. This was given and he was released. On July 11th Sheriff Salters went down and arrested Wade, Lee and Ira Vanhorn. Bert Vanhorn had disappeared, and the wounds received by Tucker Vanhorn did not admit of his removal. He is at home under guard, and Dr. Warren has expressed the opinion that they will prove fatal. The parties were brought here on the 6th, at which time defendants made a motion for bail. This motion was continued until Monday, the 9th, and Lee and Ira Vanhorn were committed to jail. The examining trial began Monday and continued two days. On the motion of the Commonwealth Wade Vanhorn was discharged from custody, and the Court held that there was not sufficient proof to warrant the holding of Ira and accordingly discharged him also. Lee

Vanhorn was held without bail, and must answer at the September term of the Lawrence Circuit Court for the willful murder of Sophia Ross.

The testimony in the trial showed that Lee Vanhorn went to the charred window after his brother had been shot and took deliberate aim at Tom Caldwell, who was sitting inside the building. Just as he fired, Miss Sophia Ross walked between the two men and received the ball. She evidently did not see Vanhorn and was moving from one seat to another. Under the law Vanhorn will suffer the same penalty as though he had intentionally killed Miss Ross. The defense is that he used a 32-caliber revolver and the ball extracted was a 38.

Thus closes another chapter in the history of a crime which has shocked this whole section. The proper observance of the usages of decent society, let alone the enforcement of statutory law, would have prevented this most deplorable affair. Why will persist in loading their pockets with pistols and themselves with whisky when they attend a public gathering of any sort, and more particularly when they go to a Sunday School meeting, is beyond our comprehension. And so long as they persist in this cowardly and reprehensible practice death and disgrace are sure to follow. And punishment, swift and condign, should be as sure.

Harry Johns Dead.

Harry Johns, a prominent citizen of Floyd county, died at Harold on Tuesday, July 12th, at the age of 60 years. He was a native of this place, but went to Floyd county many years ago.

A letter received yesterday has the following to say about his last days: "He leaves for our example some of the sweetest lessons of patience, kindness and Christian fortitude that I have ever been a witness to. He was ready and more than willing to answer the dear Savior's call to enter the Heavenly mansion, the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. His sister, Mrs. Nannie Hatcher, watched by his bedside and cared for him with all the devotion a loving sister could bestow."

Mr. Johns leaves a wife and five young children of his first wife.

Louisa Fire Department.

In order that the city of Louisa should have a more efficient defense against the ravages of fire, many of our citizens have organized themselves into a fire company. This was effected Tuesday night last. The following are members of the company:

Dr. E. C. Jenks, Chief; B. W. Hackworth, Assistant Chief; George Riggs, M. F. Carey, Lon Wellman, Sam Picklesimer, Cecil Ferguson, O. C. Atkins, John Elswick, John Wellman, C. J. Carey, G. R. Lewis, Mont Holt, E. W. Grubb, E. S. Dickey, N. B. McGuire, Earl Peters and Al Wellman.

There are some experienced fire-fighters in this aggregation, and we are informed that they will keep the company ready by drill and otherwise to meet any emergency.

Death of an Aged Woman.

Mrs. Malissa Wilson, aged 87 years, widow of Charles Wilson, died in this place last Saturday and was buried in Pine Hill cemetery the following day, after religious services at the Baptist Church conducted by Rev. L. M. Carter. Mrs. Wilson had been a widow many years, and notwithstanding her advanced age she was very active and would have willingly given her home the old lady preferred to live alone. For a long time she was entirely dependent upon the kindness of neighbors and others for her support, and this was never lacking. Mrs. Wilson was from near Fortmouth, O.

CAR COMMISSION

Created by C. & O., with a Louisa Man at its Head.

The C. & O. R. R. has created a Car Allotment Commission, and James W. Heron, of this place, is put at the head of it, with a liberal salary. The next man to Mr. Heron on the Commission is John Skene, Supt. of Mines at Glen Mary, Tenn.

The duties of this Commission consist in visiting all the mines on the line of the C. & O. Railway and investigating their capacity and output. Upon the report of the Commission is based the allotment of cars in proportion to the supply. In this way it is hoped to treat all operators alike and do away with the cause for complaints of discrimination in car supplies.

This important appointment is a compliment to Mr. Heron, but the railroad company could not have made a better selection. He is a thorough mining engineer and practical operator, is entirely reliable and will do his duty under all circumstances.

Locusts' Eggs Caused Death.

Last week this paper contained a paragraph relative to the sudden death of the young daughter of T. T. Webb, of East Point, who died after eating a small quantity of raspberries. Interesting particulars concerning the sad occurrence are contained in the following from the Paintsville Herald of recent date:

A little girl of T. T. Webb, of East Point, after eating a small quantity of raspberries, died last week. There is no doubt the locust eggs concealed in the berries poisoned her to death. Some few weeks ago we mentioned the danger of being poisoned eating berries where the locust had been, and we shall not be surprised to learn of more deaths from this cause. Several years ago when the locusts made their appearance several people in this section met death in the same manner as the little Webb girl. Not everyone that eats berries dies, but all the berries are covered with the poisonous eggs, but just where to find the berries safe to eat can only be ascertained by running a great risk.

Tracy, the noble bandit, came in from the jungle of West Virginia, clothed himself in a bright suit and some other things, and went off down the road on a short vacation.